

REMARKS

The Applicants have now had an opportunity to carefully consider the comments set forth in the Advisory Action mailed February 3, 2006. The recognition of allowable subject matter in claims 2-4, 8, 10 and 15-19 and the implied reinstatement of claims 16-19 associated therewith, are noted with appreciation. Amendment, reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

The Advisory Action

In the Advisory Action mailed February 3, 2006:

Claims 2-4, 8, 10 and 15-19 were allowed; and
claims 1, 5-7, 9, 11-14, 20 and 23-24 were rejected.

Telephone Interview Summary

On or about February 17, 2006, Mr. Thomas Tillander, one of the representatives of the Applicants, telephoned the Examiner, Mr. Martin Lerner, to discuss procedural matters. No specific claims were discussed. However, during that conversation, the Examiner indicated that an amendment changing the dependency of rejected dependent claims and canceling rejected independent claims would be entered and would allow the application to issue as a patent. While the Applicants maintain their position disagreeing with the position of the Examiner with regard to the rejected claims, in order to allow the application to issue as a patent, the Applicants are, without prejudice, submitting this amendment canceling the rejected independent claims and amending the rejected dependent claims to depend from an allowed claim.

The Claims are not Obvious

The Advisory Action mailed February 3, 2006 indicated that independent **claims 1 and 23** were rejected over Farrell in view of Mostow. However, **claims 1 and 23** have been canceled.

The Advisory Action also indicated that dependent **claims 5-7, 9, 11-14 and 20**, which depended from rejected **claim 1**, and **claim 24**, which depended from rejected **claim 23**, were rejected. However, **claims 5-7, 9, 11-14, 20 and 24** have been amended to depend from allowed **claim 10**.

The Advisory Action indicated that **claims 2-4, 8, 10 and 15-19** would be

allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment.

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that claims remaining in the application, **2-20** and **24** are allowable.

Telephone Interview

In the interests of advancing this application to issue the Applicant(s) respectfully request that the Examiner telephone the undersigned to discuss the foregoing or any suggestions that the Examiner may have to place the case in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Claims 2-20 and 24 remain in the application. Claims 1 and 23 have been canceled. Claims 16-19 were reinstatement. Claims 5-7, 9, 11-14, 20 and 24 have been amended. For at least the foregoing reasons, the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, an early indication thereof is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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